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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

n re Application of:

Juergen KORTENBACH

Application. No.: 10/612,005

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For: FLEXIBLE ENDOSCOPIC SURGICAL

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AND FUNDOPLICATION

Group Art Unit: 3734

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the final Office Action dated January 16, 2007 and the Advisory Action dated April 27, 2007, Applicant concurrently files a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, with this Amendment. Applicant also files a Petition for a two-month extension of time to extend the reply due date until June 18, 2007 (since June 16, 2007 is a Saturday). Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.